

**Representative Matt Throckmorton** proposes the following substitute bill:

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND  
CONTRIBUTIONS OF RONALD REAGAN**

2002 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Sponsor: Matt Throckmorton**

**This joint resolution of the Legislature expresses support for the designation of the West  
Capitol Extension building as the "Ronald Reagan Legislative Building."**

*Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

WHEREAS, the life and service of Ronald Reagan merits recognition by the state of Utah;

WHEREAS, on February 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan was born to Nelle and John  
Reagan in Tampico, Illinois;

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan attended high school in nearby Dixon and then worked his  
way through Eureka College, where he studied economics and sociology, played on the football  
team, and acted in school plays;

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Ronald Reagan became a radio sports announcer;

WHEREAS, after a screen test in 1937 Ronald Reagan appeared in 53 films in more than  
two decades as an actor;

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan also served as president of the Screen Actors Guild;

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan toured the country as a television host, becoming a national  
spokesman for his principles and ideals;

WHEREAS, 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected Governor of California by a margin of a  
million votes and was reelected in 1970;

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan won the Republican Presidential nomination in 1980 and  
chose as his running mate former Texas Congressman and United Nations Ambassador George  
Bush;



26 WHEREAS, only 69 days after taking office President Reagan was shot by a would-be  
27 assassin;

28 WHEREAS, though the injury was severe and potentially life threatening, he quickly  
29 returned to duty;

30 WHEREAS, President Reagan grace and wit in the wake of the dangerous incident  
31 endeared him to millions of Americans;

32 WHEREAS, dealing skillfully with Congress, President Reagan demonstrated great  
33 leadership in advancing national policy to foster economic growth, curb inflation, increase  
34 employment, and strengthen national defense;

35 WHEREAS, President Reagan succeeded in his efforts to significantly reduce marginal tax  
36 rates while increasing tax revenues for increased investment to strengthen national defense forces;

37 WHEREAS, President Reagan won a second term in 1984;

38 WHEREAS, in 1986, President Reagan succeeded in his efforts to overhaul the income tax  
39 code, which eliminated many deductions and exempted millions of people with low incomes;

40 WHEREAS, in foreign policy, President Reagan sought to achieve "peace through  
41 strength";

42 WHEREAS, during his two terms as President, Ronald Reagan significantly strengthened  
43 national defense while still improving relations with the Soviet Union;

44 WHEREAS, in dramatic meetings with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, he negotiated  
45 a treaty that would eliminate intermediate-range nuclear missiles;

46 WHEREAS, by ordering naval escorts in the Persian Gulf, President Reagan maintained  
47 the free flow of oil during the war between Iran and Iraq and, in keeping with the Reagan Doctrine,  
48 gave support to anti-communist insurgencies in Central America, Asia, and Africa;

49 WHEREAS, at the end of his administration, the nation was enjoying its longest recorded  
50 period of peacetime prosperity without recession or depression;

51 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan's innovative program known as the Reagan Revolution was  
52 designed to reinvigorate the American people and reduce their reliance upon government;

53 WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan fulfilled his campaign pledge of 1980 to restore "the great,  
54 confident roar of American progress and growth and optimism"; and

55 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the life and service of Ronald Reagan be recognized in the  
56 state of Utah:

57           NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah  
58 expresses support for the designation of the West Capitol Extension building as the "Ronald  
59 Reagan Legislative Building."

60           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to Ronald Reagan and  
61 the Capitol Preservation Board.